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**To:** MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov

**Subject:** MLPAComments: Please prohibit spearfishing contests in State Marine Conservation Areas.

Hi,

I'm a PADI divemaster, underwater photographer and frequent scuba diver in the Monterey Bay area.

I'm writing to urge that you prohibit organized spear fishing contests in our protected costal regions. Spearfishing contests have more to do with promoting the sale of spearguns, and rewarding fragile egos, than they do with actual diving or fishing.

The last thing our marine reserves need is to be overrun with an army of speargun toting divers who come in for one weekend a year to shoot anything that moves in our favorite local dive sites.

Sneaking this sort of organized commercial promotion in under the 'recreational fishing' rules is a loophole that must be closed.

Please support Central Coast MPA Package 2, or modify Package S to prohibit these contests in Monterey Bay!

Best Regards,

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